



23 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Duckett

SUBJECT : DDP Comment on Long-Range Planning

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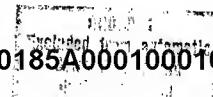
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1. [redacted] called today to say that [redacted]
had spent a good bit of time with [redacted] going
over the informal prognosis that I distributed to the various
directories about a month ago. DDP plans to respond shortly,
and Dick quickly ran through a number of items which I suspect
may be raised, such as:

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- a. Why does the amount of R&D for Processing and Production increase so rapidly, and why shouldn't some of this money go into equipment for collection?
- b. Considering the complexity of problems facing the [redacted] in collection, shouldn't Collection R&D have more emphasis?
- c. The expansion of R&D to support communications in the area of agent equipment is good, but how would it be used?
- d. The amount of funds planned for imagery appear low. Greater emphasis could be given to document copy and facsimile, and especially, possible applications of IR and attendant video transmission work.
- e. DDP had understood earlier that beyond 1970 the Vehicles and Accessories budget would taper off to a value below 6.5 million, which is lower than what is shown on the plan.
- f. What gives rise to the increased forecast for COMSEC R&D, and what is the relationship of this work to NSA (Doesn't NSA have prime responsibility)?
- g. Although covert action activity may be reduced, the 30% reduction in funds for covert action may not be appropriate since the R&D is related primarily to counterinsurgency uses, and the need for more sophisticated equipment such as trail watcher gear could be foreseen.



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2. I told Dick that I was delighted that [redacted] had taken the time and shown the interest and that I was sure that his discussions with [redacted] had indeed provided considerable insight into how he might feel about the relationship of these various R&D program items.

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3. When we see what his memo looks like, it might be worthwhile to consider some readjustment of these numbers. In any event, it is a good step in the right direction.



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